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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO/SB/08A (formerly PTO form 1449), and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon.

These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. Innis, et al., "PCR Protocols - A Guide to Methods and Applications", Academic Press, 1990, Pages 3-21.

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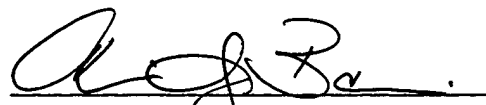
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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